



# Surf Pines Breeze

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## Presidents Comments



By Susan Holloway



Welcome to another beautiful fall in Surf Pines. Although I love it as the winter grasses in the dunes recover and green shoots become visible in the spring, so do I love the golden shine of the dunes in the fall.

Within this edition you will find an introduction to each of the board members: Dave Butler, Treasurer; Tom Hatch, member at large; Don Kruger, Secretary; and, Norm Tutton, Vice President. Each of us brings strength and experience from our years in business that we hope to apply to enrich the association for the residents. We hope that you will begin attending the monthly committee meetings and the bi-monthly board meetings to share your vision of Surf Pines. Our board meetings will be held November 1st, January 10th, March 7th, May 2nd, and June 27th. You will notice a change to the schedule as we move to meetings every other month. Each meeting is held in the meeting house by the south gate at 4:00 PM. At the November meeting we will be setting board goals as well as defining the work of each committee and the committee goals for 2013/14. John Gates and Debbie Eddy will share their action plans for the year.

In addition I hope you will volunteer for a small job within the association so that collectively we achieve great things. There is room on each committee this year: Roads and Grounds; Emergency Preparedness; Community Relations; and, Finance and Budget. We welcome your skills or interests.

It should be a busy fall within Surf Pines: completion of the marking of the new roads, consideration of a new gate coding system, emergency preparation, and fun social gatherings. Look elsewhere in this issue for more information on each topic. In addition, we have the unique opportunity to host Rex Ziak, a local historian and author who is directly responsible for designation of Fort Clatsop as a National Park. Rex is busy this fall speaking to both the Princeton and the Stanford Alumnae groups so we are in lofty company. Do plan on coming in November and see details inside this issue.

The Emergency Preparedness Project hosts a resident training on November 3rd and will train captains to Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) and then host small neighborhood meetings in order to pool the resources and skills of the neighborhood. We hope to see each of you strengthening your neighborhood ties by attending one of the ninety minute presentations.

The board is looking forward to an active and productive year. Thank you for letting us represent you.

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## Quick News

### Real Estate

The good news is properties are selling again in Surf Pines. Values haven't headed up yet due to plenty of inventory, but as homes keep selling we should see a slight increase. This is the best time for buyers to take advantage of some great deals before prices go up again.

Please feel free to share this information with your out of town friends and family. It's a great way to pick your own neighbors!

Since June there have been five home sales in Surf Pines:

The Damon's at 33112 Malarkey Ln. \$975,000  
 The Casaleggio's at 89547 Ocean Dr. \$519,000  
 The Moore's at 89846 Ocean Dr. \$463,500  
 The Milsap's at 89576 Manion Dr. \$277,000  
 The Bernard Estate at 89688 Sea Breeze Dr. \$150,000

There have also been 3 lot sales:

Oceanfront on the South End \$199,900  
 East side on Ocean on the North End \$173,000  
 West side of Malarkey (on top) \$185,000

There are currently twelve homes for sale in Surf Pines with four of those being new listings including:

The Scanlan/Hart house at 89100 Manion \$795,000  
 The Heffelfinger's at 89088 Ocean \$715,000  
 The Knutsen's at 33139 Malarkey Ln. \$599,000  
 The Murray's at 89556 on Shady Pine \$579,000

For more detailed information on Surf Pines properties, please contact one of your Surf Pines neighbors in the business. You'll see our signs!  
 (complete listings: <http://www.surfpines.org/real-estate/>)

### Romeos

The ROMEOS (Retired old men eating out) is once again back in their old digs at the Warrenton Dooger's. Join them every Thursday at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and lively conversation.

Contact Paul Peterson for more information:  
 503-861-1047

### Security Corner

by John and Carol Gates



We hope you all enjoyed your summer. Our weather was fantastic and as summer comes to an end we are all reminded of what a beautiful place Surf Pines is to live. With the cooler weather I would like to remind everyone about readying your house for winter. Be sure to unhook all outside hoses and cover your

faucets. Also, many of our part-time residents will be coming down less often, so please everyone keep an eye on your neighbor's property. If you notice anything strange call me any time. I would rather check on nothing than miss something.

Also with fall comes the school buses. As more young families move into Surf Pines it is important for all of us to be aware of children riding bikes, waiting for the bus or just walking on the roads. Please slow down and use caution.

One of my major concerns right now are the coyotes. They are being spotted in Surf Pines on a regular basis and they are quite aggressive. We have had instances of them killing a deer as well as a small dog. I have contacted the forestry department on this problem and am waiting to hear back from them. Please keep a close watch on your pets and children. If you see one don't confront it, but please report it to me so I can keep an account of them.

There are tsunami maps and pamphlets available in the office. Stop by and pick them up.

In closing I would like to remind everyone to please keep your personnel gate codes private. Use the monthly visitor codes for visitors or delivery people and call me if you need the renters' code.

Carol and I would like to thank each of you for your kind words and comments at this year's annual meeting. You, the residents of Surf Pines are what makes our job here so enjoyable.

(for Security Reports go to: <http://www.surfpines.org/news/>)

### ***Susan Holloway***



I have been part of the Surf Pines community for nearly eleven years, having chosen the location and the community over any other on the north coast. I am committed to the quality of Surf Pines, and look forward to bringing value to the Board and the community.

My business life over 30 years is a combination of business and education with work for non-profit and for-profit organizations. I have years of managing people, projects and issues, with success in building corporate structure, systems and processes. Budgets under my direction ranged from \$100,000 to \$3.3 million with numerous direct reports and small and large department staffs.

A few of my favorite business experiences include being Head Master, a private school term for Principal, of a small non-profit school; Vice president of Education (camps, classes and laboratories) and Museum Services (Human Resources and the Volunteer Program) at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI); and Multnomah County CASA (court appointed special advocates), establishing this non-profit with the then-current juvenile court judge and served as Board President and chaired numerous committees.

I graduated from the University of Oregon and taught in Oregon public schools for seven years. I am married to Charlie Rule and have three grown children - a doctor, a lawyer and a business trainer - and two grandchildren.

### ***Tom Hatch, Jr.***



Tom's years of education at California State Polytechnic University (Cal Poly) earned him a degree in Industrial Technology/with an emphasis on plant and facilities management. He added advanced training during his first jobs and spent 13 years working for Reliance Electric Co. and Taurus Controls. In 1988 he became Sole Proprietor of C-TECH as an Industrial Control Systems technical consultant. Early in his career he was a Special Forces Ranger advising and training for the US Army.

Tom has balanced his professional life with service for the children of Clackamas County: the Committee for Children and Families, which administered state grants to organizations providing services to the county; and, the Clackamas County Childrens' Commission. Tom's special interest has been in services for children from birth to six years old. He has served on both Boards and as Chair of the Clackamas County Childrens' Commission.

Tom not only brings his business skills to the Association Board, but also his interest in maintaining the quality of Surf Pines.

### ***Norm Tutton***



Norm brings years of work in law enforcement, a volunteer fire department and construction to his position on the Surf Pines Board. He combined his twenty years of work as a patrol officer and investigator with work for the volunteer fire department as training officer, Drill Captain and 1st Assistant to the Chief, winning numerous awards.

Norm then moved into the construction industry, including engineering residential and commercial projects, ranging from private businesses, home subdivisions and municipality construction of roads and golf courses. He and his wife moved to the coast in 1996. He continued construction work,

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including the new Safeway in Tillamook and the water treatment plants in Cannon Beach and Tillamook. He brings a vast knowledge of civil engineering, commercial and residential building, and supervision to his job on the Association Board.



### **Don Kruger**



My wife, Nancy, and I have lived in Surf Pines since 1989. In Nov 2000, I retired from the Oregon Air National Guard after thirty-five years of service. I enjoy boating, camping, clamming, crabbing, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. I spend a good share of my time in my shop working on a variety of projects including "Mr. Fixit" repairs for family and friends. Over the past ten years I have restored a twenty-five foot boat that we take to the San Juan Islands every summer. Other projects include remodeling and improving various areas of the house and yard.

I became involved with the Roads and Grounds Committee in 2001 and eventually served a couple of terms on the Surf Pines Board of Directors. I look forward to working with the other members of the Board to help keep Surf Pines a great place to live.

### **Dave Butler**



A native Oregonian, Dave retired from the successful Sleighbells Christmas Tree Farm and Gift Shop in Newberg in 1999. He and his wife Annette - better known as Yama - moved to the Oregon coast and then to Surf Pines, having been full-time residents since 2002. He now works part-time managing the Cannon Beach American Legion and selling wine locally for Wineworks of Oregon. In addition to tree farming, Dave spent twenty-four years in sales management, working for Adidas Outdoors and Media Home Entertainment. He is currently on the Board of Directors for Tolovana Arts Colony and President of the Gearhart Golf Men's Club. Dave values the unique life style Surf Pines offers its' residents and joined the Board in order to work toward preserving Surf Pines for future generations.

## **Roads and Grounds**

by Don Kruger

As you have been traveling through our community, I'm sure you have noticed the completion of the road improvement project for 2013. The Committee regrets any inconvenience you may have experienced, but those situations are unavoidable due to the nature of the activity. On a positive note, we are pleased with the finished product. In conjunction with our construction, the trail between Manion Drive and Ocean Dr (south of Malarkey) has been repaired to keep it usable all year long.

Thanks to John, our entry and exit gates continue to operate without major problems. The de-watering pumps will become operational when the water level dictates.

#### **Reminders:**

- Outside burning ban is still in effect, so please contact Gearhart Fire Department or the Department of Forestry before burning. (for numbers go to: <http://www.surfpines.org/helpful-community-contacts/>)
- If you plan to landscape the right of way in front of your home, please contact Roads and Grounds or John Gates prior to beginning to make sure future plans by the Association won't impact your hard work and expense.

If you have concerns or suggestions call, email, or join us at one of our meetings to let us know what they are. Meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. in the meeting house on the second Tuesday of each month.

(for more information go to: <http://www.surfpines.org/committees/roads-grounds/>)



### ***Be a Captain   January 11, 3 p.m. - 5p.m.   Wine and hors d'oeuvres***

Susan Holloway's home, 90054 Ocean Drive

Emergency Preparedness Training is ready to move to the second phase ~~ ***Map Your Neighborhood***. MYN is a concept of having neighborhoods trained for disasters (an event that occurs and overwhelms the ability of local First Responders). Local officials have requested implementing the program to assist with the aftermath of events such as severe winter storms, hazardous spills, earthquakes and tsunamis, etc. My goal is to have all Surf Pines neighborhoods mapped by the summer of 2014.

MYN supplies the essential communication training needed for neighborhood captains. MYN teaches nine steps immediately following a disaster; differentiating between local and distant tsunamis; recognizing different behavioral needs depending on the type of disaster and location of neighborhoods. It provides lists of emergency equipment and training that can assist first responders in reacting to neighborhood needs.

Volunteers are needed to be trained as Neighborhood Captains or Captain couples. The job description is easy, with all the training done in a two hour session. Then Captains hold a meeting for their closest eight to ten neighbors in order to train them (using the provided DVD and with the assistance of MYN leaders if desired.) My goal is to have at least four neighborhoods mapped before January so that approximately forty families will have MYN knowledge, allowing us to spread the enthusiasm and desire for additional trainings throughout the winter. Your time commitment as Captains will not exceed ten hours.

### ***The Second Resident Training for Surf Pines***

#### ***Good Food And Information    November 3rd 1:00 to 3:00***

Hertig Fire Station 33496 West Lake Lane (just off Hwy 101)

A weather or natural disaster event could result in days without power, extensive damage to homes, and isolation from emergency services.

All communities along the north coast are being trained to give ourselves tools and resources that will create an organized response to any disaster.

When a crisis occurs, those closest to you may be your greatest help. Emergency personnel may not be able to immediately assist our area. Being prepared and taking the right course of action within the first few minutes and hours after a disaster may help protect and save lives.

Prepared neighborhoods are more effective in their disaster response and have an increased capacity to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours after a disaster. Neighborhoods and Associations that are prepared for emergencies and disaster situations save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and trauma, and reduce property damage. In addition, working together as a team and contributing as an individual develops stronger communities and improves the quality of life in the community.

Please plan to attend and bring your neighbors. You need them trained also.

Let Susan Holloway know that you are coming.  
503 706-5860 or [susan.holloway@comcast.net](mailto:susan.holloway@comcast.net)

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by Dave Lukens



Although often admired for its blooms, scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) is recognized as a noxious weed by the Oregon State Weed Board, primarily because of its invasive habit and economic cost to control and loss in timber value. It was originally brought to the West Coast by settlers in the early 1800s to be ornamental, then later planted to prevent erosion and stabilize the dunes in the Clatsop Plains.

The Surf Pines Board has approved funding to remove scotch broom from our road right-of-ways, the three acre association-owned property on Manion Drive, and the park. This project is now in the third year. The most visible success is probably on the “Manion property”, where pine trees have been able to prevail. The effort will likely need to continue in the future to insure that the trees grow large enough to “shade out” new scotch broom plants.

Scotch broom is a woody, leguminous shrub that establishes quickly in disturbed areas, often outcompeting native plants to form dense mono-specific stands in vacant lots, road easements and cutover forestland or other areas that are open to sunlight. Scotch broom is an evergreen, and lives up to twenty years. Individual Scotch broom plants can produce up to sixty seedpods per bush by their second year, and hundreds when fully mature. Each seedpod usually contains five to eight seeds, and a single plant can produce up to 12,000 seeds a year. The seed pods often open “explosively” and the seeds can be widely scattered by the wind, ants, or birds. The seeds can remain viable for thirty years or more in soil.

## Scotch Broom Control Methods

### *Mechanical*

- Cutting large plants (stem greater than ½ inch) is very effective in mid July-September. Cut plants as close to the ground as possible.
- Pulling smaller plants (including all the roots) is most effective following a rain when the soil is moist.
- Mowing is sometimes effective to knock down larger plants, but should be avoided when seed pods are ripe. (Note also that seed already in the soil may be spread by mowing) Early season mowing typically results in dense, multi-stemmed re-growth.
- Do not mow when the seed pods are ripe.

*Chemical* (use caution, and don't spray on windy days and always read the entire label).

- Herbicides are most effective on small, young plants. If possible, spray just before and immediately after bloom, when the plant is growing vigorously. Herbicide spraying is less effective in summer when water stress on the plants minimizes growth.
- Garlon 3A or 4, glyphosate (Roundup), and Crossbow are all effective, but be careful of surrounding vegetation.

### *Biological*

- The Oregon Department of Agriculture has released a species of seed weevil that feed on the developing scotch broom seedpods in other areas. Research continues on this method of control.

Funding for grants for noxious weed control related to protection of watersheds and fish and wildlife are available through the Oregon State Weed Board. However these grants have been very limited toward scotch broom removal.

All of us living or visiting Surf Pines enjoy the quiet nature of our community. One of the special factors is a sense of friendly neighborhoods. We tend to watch-out for others, and keep an eye on anyone that might be trespassing. Even though you may enjoy the bright yellow blooms on a scotch broom plant on your property, remember that the seeds are easily carried to your neighbors. The Board of Directors encourages all our residents to control scotch broom on their property.

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## Nature Watch



by Greg Hutzell

My field notes indicate it was on October 6, 2012, when I was standing with my back to the lake by our house, perhaps twenty feet away, when I heard a faint splash and turned to see what it was. When I looked, to my surprise were the faces of three river otters looking at me from the water. They stared for perhaps thirty seconds then abruptly dove below water. I ran out to the end of the dock to watch for them to emerge a few minutes later, but to no avail. They can stay underwater for up to eight minutes, so given their swimming speed it's understandable they got beyond my sight. That wasn't the first time we've seen river otters in the lake. During our time observing wildlife activities on the Sunset Lake, we've seen river otters on multiple occasions. On individual sightings, we've seen as few as one and up to five.

Common to the Pacific Northwest, the river otter is distinguished by a sleek elongated dark fur body, short legs, webbed feet and a long stout tail. Out of the water it walks with an awkward lopping walk. When swimming it dog paddles, and underwater swims with its whole body, pushing with its webbed feet and steering with its long tail. Otters use special flaps to close off their nostrils and ears when underwater. They can weigh between eleven and thirty-one pounds.

River otter preys on fish, frogs, and crayfish. At times they may choose to eat small mammals and occasionally birds but not their eggs. The river otter are active year-round and in the wild can live from eight to thirteen years. The female otters give birth in these underground burrows, producing litters of one to six young. Typically the den has several tunnel openings, one of which generally allows the otter to enter and exit the body of water.



Two reasons we may not see them very often is because they are most active at night. They become much more nocturnal in the spring, summer, and fall season and more diurnal during winter when they travel less. Secondly, river otters are not territorial and are highly mobile traveling up to twenty-six miles in one day.

North American river otters are protected under Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

### An evening with Rex Ziak, Northwest Coast Historian

November 23rd from 7:00 to 9:00 Bring a desert and we will provide the wine.  
To be held at Susan Holloway's home, 90054 Ocean Drive

Surf Pines residents have a unique opportunity to share an evening with noted local author and historian Rex Ziak. After years as a noted photographer, Rex turned his talents to research and writing. Rex will bring his notable talents as an historian and lecturer as well as books for you to buy. Come for an interesting and stimulating night of local history with other Surf Pines residents.

(for more information go to: <http://www.surfpines.org/news/>)

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# Coyotes To Be Trapped

The coyote issue has escalated, with the death of a dog and a cat. These deaths follow the coyote attack and death of a deer and diminishing numbers of ducks this fall. The death of family pets has raised the level of concern for Surf Pines residents. We are aware we live in a rural environment with risk; however, the coyote population seems to have reached a problematic level. John Gates was asked to speak with Fish and Wildlife to seek guidance. They recommended hiring an experienced trapper, since we do not allow hunting or firing of weapons within Surf Pines. The trapper will set traps, check them twice a day, and remove the coyotes from Surf Pines. The trapping will begin Saturday, 28 September. After the first week of trapping, we may choose to extend the contract for a second week.



For safety, parents need to keep children out of the tall grasses and forested area. All pets are to be leashed or kept indoors during this trapping period. On Saturday, September 21, notices were posted at the entry gates, the entry gate code boards, and the website to alert residents. In addition, residents need to know that the trapper may be on vacant lots, on the dunes and in the forest, as he sets and checks his traps. This information has been provided to prepare the residents and let them know the planning and thought that preceded this action.

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